ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

NORTH READING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 18, 1889,

ALSO

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE TRUSTEES OF
FLINT LIBRARY.

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Selectmen's Report.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid for teaching High School	$480 00	
Centre	270 00	
Franklin	270 00	
West	252 00	
North	246 00	
East	248 90	
School Supplies	276 98	
Wood	194 22	
Care of Rooms	88 18	
Repairs on School Houses	135 94	
		$2462 22

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Daniel G. Abbott, Town Clerk	$15 00
Daniel G. Abbott, Registrar of Voters	5 00
Daniel G. Abbott, journeys out of town	5 00
Daniel G. Abbott, printing and stationery	12 12
Daniel G. Abbott, recording births, marriages, deaths	16 18
Samuel P. Breed, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor	140 00
Samuel P. Breed, Registrar of Voters	5 00
Samuel P. Breed, journeys out of town	14 00
Amount carried forward	$212 30

Amount brought forward.....	$212 30	
Samuel P. Breed, for stationery and postage.....	6 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	75 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, Registrar of Voters	5 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, journeys out of town.....	15 00	
Timothy Fowle, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	50 00	
Timothy Fowle, Registrar of Voters..	5 00	
Timothy Fowle, journeys out of town.	6 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, Treasurer.....	38 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, Collector.....	62 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, for extra services.	20 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, printing and postage.....	11 00	
Daniel G. Abbott, School Committee.	58 00	
Edward S. Raynes, School Committee	33 00	
J. Milton Robinson, School Committee	24 00	
Sylvester Eaton, Constable.....	16 00	
Henry H. Dame. Truant Officer.....	7 75	
Henry H. Dame, Fish Committee....	5 00	
Henry H. Dame, Watchman.....	2 00	
Henry H. Dame, for attending Check List.....	1 00	
Samuel E. Allen, Watchman.....	2 00	
Osman Jones. Fish Committee 1887-8	8 15	
William Nichols, Firewood.....	1 00	
Charles N. Abbott, Watchman.....	2 00	
Frank Parker, Attending Check List..	2 50	
		$667 70

STATE AID.

Paid Tryphence Harris	$48 00	
Rebecca J. McIntire	48 00	
Sarah J. Mason	48 00	
Josephine Watts	48 00	
Elizabeth C. Ball	48 00	
Robert B. Walsh	72 00	
Appleton P. Eaton	72 00	
William S. Todd	96 00	
Harriet Q. Burditt	48 00	
Ozro Mason	68 00	
Samuel W. Holt	13 50	
		$609 50

MILITARY AID.

Paid John Grant	72 00	
William C. McIntire	72 00	
Samuel Goodwin	133 00	
Henry C. Flint	6 00	
		$283 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Cyrus Ayer	274 52
Neal G. McKay	237 34
Benjamin A. Emerson	115 00
Charles H. Nichols	47 45
Henry Orben	34 12
Frank W. Case	104 10
Lyman Taylor	31 58
Frank E. Hewes	45 00
Arthur R. Rogers	20 25
William McAllister	13 50
Russell Rogers	8 25
Justin H. Orben	6 75
Arthur H. Batchelder	9 75
Amount carried forward	946 61

Amount brought forward	$946 61	
John H. Eames	69 53	
George H. Hinman	67 75	
J. Milton Robinson	95 85	
James E. Fairbank	2 00	
William H. Pickard	47 00	
Isaac A. Flint	43 50	
Samuel Batchelder	71 00	
Timothy Fowle, Sidewalk	27 43	
J. B. McLane, Iron Work	5 55	
Frank Hewes, Iron Work	1 80	
Drain Pipe	15 82	
Gravel	15 55	
		$1410 39

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for Printing Annual Report, &c	46 20	
Insurance on School Houses	75 00	
Insurance on Town Hall	45 00	
Insurance on Flint Memorial Hall	75 00	
Claim for damages on the Highway	465 00	
Road Scraper	100 00	
Celebration of Fourth of July	100 00	
Express Bill of 1887	2 95	
Auctioneer	6 00	
Trustees of Cemeteries	50 00	
State Tax	607 50	
County Tax	340 88	
Mowing Common	4 00	
Returns of Births	4 00	
Ringing Bell	52 00	
Care of Tramps	117 00	
Librarian	52 00	
Returns of Deaths	6 00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	3 00	
Repairs on Hearse House	50	
Amount carried forward	$2154 05	

Amount brought forward	$2154 05	
Repairs on Flint Memorial Hall	16 40	
Interest on Town Notes	395 13	
Repairs on Town Hall	2 60	
Overtaxation and Abatements	85 00	
Removing State Pauper	1 00	
Town Note and Interest	511 25	
		$3163 41

SUMMARY.

Orders Drawn for Schools	$2462 22	
Town Officers	667 70	
State Aid	609 50	
Military Aid	283 00	
Highways & Bridges	1410 39	
Overseers of the Poor	1585 62	
Miscellaneous	3163 41	
		$10181 84

SAMUEL P. BREED,
JOSEPH D. GOWING,
TIMOTHY FOWLE,
Selectmen of North Reading.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

NAME.	AGE.	
Ruth McIntire	80 years.	
Emily A Buxton	44 "	
Sarah Banker	39 "	
Newton Batchelder	63 "	
Olive Curry	68 "	Left April 26, '88.
Emma M. McIntire	26 "	Left April 26, '88.
John Grant	49 "	
Salome Walls	70 "	Died July 13, '88.
Evalena G. Dutton	24 "	
James A. Dutton	3 weeks.	

Average number, 6

Present number, 7

Four hundred and sixty-eight tramps have been assisted.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Two Oxen	$180 00	
Six Cows	200 00	
Two Pigs	10 00	
Fifty Fowls	30 00	
Hay and Grain	141 45	
Manure	160 00	
Wood and Fuel	198 00	
Lumber	50 00	
Farm Utensils	242 30	
Household Furniture	413 15	
Provisions	161 90	
		$1786 80

RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Received for

Stock	$ 90 98	
Board	116 45	
Labor	233 75	
Lumber for Bridges	91 57	
Produce	171 18	
Milk	425 06	
Wood and Lumber	202 72	
Lodging	5 10	
Care of Tramps	117 00	
Cash of the Selectmen	746 66	
		$2200 57

EXPENSES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for

Groceries	$252 17	
Meat and Fish	132 90	
Crackers	36 29	
Furniture	17 01	
Coal	29 05	
Grain	188 86	
Butter and Cheese	59 27	
Clothing, Bedding and Shoes	52 13	
Building, Repairs and Painting	204 17	
Stock	189 00	
Tools, Seeds, &c	36 33	
Lumber	33 22	
Freight	4 80	
Labor	424 92	
Doctors' Bill and Medicine	29 98	
Fertilizer	48 30	
Ice	10 00	
Pasturing	12 00	
Funeral Expenses	17 00	
Blacksmiths' bill	12 75	
Miscellaneous	10 42	
Salary of Keeper	400 00	
		$2200 57

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Paid

Danvers' Lunatic Hospital, for Chas. H. McIntire	$227 43	
William P. Davis' bill, for Jacob McIntire	13 00	
Town of Natick, for W. A. Nichols	72 00	
City of Haverhill, for Laura J. Tarleton	19 50	
Supplies for Mrs. West	52 00	
R. B. Walsh, for Grandchild	48 00	
Supplies to Mrs. Olive Eaton	22 25	
Town of Middleton, for Mrs. Olive Curry	11 39	
City of Lynn, for Mrs. John Day	108 25	
Supplies to sundry persons	125 60	
City of Lynn, for Chas. B. Abbott	139 44	
		$838 86

SAMUEL P. BREED,
JOSEPH D. GOWING,
TIMOTHY FOWLE,
Overseers of The Poor.

Assessors' Returns.

State tax		$607 50	
County tax		340 88	
Ordinary expenses		2500 00	
Schools and Incidentals		1950 00	
Roads and Bridges		1200 00	
Town Debt		500 00	
Cemeteries		50 00	
Celebration of Fourth of July		100 00	
Overlaying		228 84	
		$7477 22	
Supplementary Taxes		7 60	
			$7484 82
Number of polls	241		
Tax on polls	$2 00		
Rate of tax per $1000	14 00		
Personal estate assessed		$52091 00	
Real estate assessed		447567 00	
			$4996 58

Number of houses assessed	198¾
Number of acres of land assessed	7605
Number of horses assessed	179
Number of oxen assessed	8
Number of cows assessed	297
Number of swine assessed	55
Number of sheep assessed	11

SAMUEL P. BREED,
JOSEPH D. GOWING,
TIMOTHY FOWLE,
Assessors of North Reading

Treasurer's Report.

Balance from last year	$ 259 94		
Taxes collected for 1886	300 00		
" " " 1887	2147 57		
" " " 1888	5241 20		
Highway order overdrawn last year	12 00		
From State and Military Aid	610 00		
Corporation Tax	61 05		
National Bank Tax	36 57		
School Fund	280 33		
City of Lynn, Overseers' Acc.	204 19		
Insurance Dividend	29 40		
Use of Hearse	4 00		
Rent of Memorial Hall	49 46		
Rent of Old Hall	1 00		
Rent of Anteroom	5 00		
Trustees of Riverside Cemetery	47 49		
Interest on Taxes	30 50		
Mrs. C. F. Flint, for Sidewalk	75 00		
Dog Fund	148 33		
H. H. Dame, Fish Permits	17 25		
Lock-up Fees	3 50		
Rent of F. M. Hall Rooms	8 00		
Hired Money	2000 00		
Town of Reading, Bridge Acc.	23 17		
" " Andover, Overseers' Acc.	11 50		
From Lumber at Town Farm	752 20		
			$12358 65
Paid out on Selectmen's Orders	$10181 84		
" " " Town Notes	2000 00	12181 84	
Balance on hand			$176 81

ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes for 1887	$ 500 00
" " " 1888	2243 62
Cash on hand	176 81
Due from State Aid Payable Dec. 1889	747 00
Secured Note	125 00

LIABILITIES.

Due on Town Notes	7000 00
Interest Due April 1, 1889	172 50

JOSEPH D. GOWING,

Treasurer and Collector.

List of Jurors.

JOHN K. UPTON,
GEORGE L. FLINT,
SUMNER FOSTER,
GEORGE R. HINMAN,
NEAL G. McKAY,
FRANK PARKER,
OSMAN JONES,
FRANK E. FLINT,
HENRY C. EATON,
FRANK A. FLINT,
WILLIAM H. JONES,
HORACE D. BRADSTREET,
FRANK W. CASE,
BENJAMIN A. EMERSON,
DENNIS BATCHELDER.

SAMUEL P. BREED,
JOSEPH D. GOWING,
TIMOTHY FOWLE, } Selectmen of North Reading.

Statistics from Town Clerk's Records

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Number of Rirths	21
Males	12
Females	9
Number of intentions of marriages	8
Number of marriages recorded	10
Number of deaths	24

DATE OF DEATHS.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 16...	Alonzo Morse..	83	1	14	Pneumonia.
Jan. 22...	Henry C. Flint	74	11	22	Burned.
Jan. 30...	Eliab U. Flint.	64	2	25	Heart Disease.
Feb. 21...	Wright Newhall	88	6	7	Paralysis.
March 4.	Eugene N. Dixon	21	2	27	Exposure.
March 18.	Walter B. Richardson		9	12	Capiliary bronchitis.
May 13...	Annie F. Taylor	32	4	7	Typhoid fever.
May 23...	F. Augusta Batchelder..	50		20	Paralysis.
June 12...	Hammond McIntire	70	4	26	Heart Disease.
June 20...	Albert G. Foster	28	1		Disease of brain.
June 22...	Elizabeth D. Upton	50	1	10	Spinal paralysis.
June 30...	David Haynes	61	4		Consumption.
July 15...	Salome Walls	78			Dropsy.
Aug. 8...	Charles Kidder	75	6		Osteo sarcoma.
Aug. 26...	George Eaton	81	7		Old age.
Aug. 28...	Rebecca Orben	63	9	8	Dysentery.
Aug. 30...	Mary P. Thomas	78	5	1	Inflammation of bowels.
Sept. 19...	Rachel Tarbox	78	2	16	Stricture of rectum.
Sept. 27...	Austin Fuller Mitchell		10	3	Cholera infantum.
Sept. 28...	I. Lewis Turner		3	12	Cholera infantum.
Oct. 4....	Sarah R. Eaton	70	11	20	Apoplexy.
Oct. 15....	Julia A. Nichols	66	2	15	Paralysis.
Nov. 19...	Ebenzer Tilden Abbott..	80	8	5	Pneumonia.
Nov. 25...	Hilda Mabel Bradstreet.	1		25	Congestion of lungs.

DANIEL G. ABBOTT,
TOWN CLERK.

NORTH READING, February, 1889.

Report of Treasurer for Trustees of Cemeteries

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Received from the sale of three lots in Riverside Cemetery.....	$45 00	
Amount paid Town Treasurer.....	45 00	

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Balance from 1887 unexpended.....	7 90	
Town appropriation for 1888.....	50 00	
Hay Sold from Cemetery.....	4 50	
		$62 40

Dr.

Paid for Labor on Cemetery near Town Farm.....	$ 4 00	
Labor on Riverside Cemetery.....	55 91	$59 91
Amount paid Town Treasurer.....		$2 49

C. P. Howard,

Treasurer for Trustees of Cemeteries.

North Reading, February 11th, 1889.

Report of School Committee.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of North Reading:

Fellow Citizens:—Your Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 1889.

The number of children in town, the first day of May, between the ages of five and fifteen, one hundred and forty seven (147).

Town appropriation, one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (1950). Massachusetts School Fund, two hundred and eighty dollars and thirty three cents (280.33) Dog Fund, eighty five dollars and thirty three cents (85.33).

Expended for school supplies, two hundred and thirty nine dollars and sixty eight cents (239.68).

Supplies on hand, one hundred and twenty five dollars (125). Received for books sold pupils, four dollars and sixty cents (4.60).

There have been several cases of truancy: In such cases the truant officer has done his duty.

The High School has been under the instruction of Mr. Frank E. Sanborn during the past year.

Mr. Sanborn is an experienced teacher and has given universal satisfaction. We consider the town fortunate in retaining his services.

We were sorry to part with Miss Ella Eaton in the Centre School. The school was taught during the Fall Term by Miss Helen M. Buck. Miss Buck resigning at the close of the term to pursue an advanced course of study, was succeeded by Miss Virginia F. Peabody, an experienced teacher, under whose instruction the school is progressing harmoniously.

Miss Dora S. Hammond has given satisfaction as the teacher of the Franklin School.

Miss Emma Batchelder after teaching the North School ac

ceptably for a year, resigned to continue her studies. The vacancy thus made was filled at the opening of the Fall Term by Miss Helen M. Abbott. Miss Abbott, though inexperienced, by her energy, fidelity and good judgment, won the confidence of the Committee, and the good will of her scholars; the Committee have been much pleased with the appearance of this school.

The East School was taught during the Spring Term by Miss Annie Woodworth. A want of harmony unfortunately existed in this district which of course worked to the detriment of the school.

Considering the disadvantages Miss Woodworth did well.

Miss Mary S. Cutler who succeeded to the position has given eminent satisfaction.

The West School has been well managed, and as well taught the past year by Miss Clara H. Munroe.

In this rapid survey of the different schools of the town, we have not thought it best to particularize examples for criticism. We would not give the impression that there have been none. The discipline has been fairly good. The teaching has been up to the average, yet the schools are in a backward condition. We are aware that the town is small, that the money appropriated must be limited and hence a teachers permanency impossible. Our schools suffer and must continue to suffer from this cause. We see no remedy. We do know, however, that there is a defect for which there is a remedy. We refer to the indifference of parents. The complaint is an old one. Year after year Committees repeat the same old story—irregular attendance, tardiness, want of harmony. Does the parent consider how much is lost by irregular attendance? Not the pupil only who is absent is the loser. The whole class retarded by him suffers. Interest fails. The teacher becomes discouraged, and the general efficiency of the school is affected. Nor does the damage stop here. The pupil is not sent to school to learn by rote so many rules. He is sent or should be to learn how to study, to learn how to think, in short, to get mental training. A person who is absent frequently is incapable of

pursuing his studies intelligently, his mind is unable to grasp the successive steps of his lessons, and his whole mental training becomes valueless. Pupils going from this town to higher city schools have the unwelcome fact forced upon them that something is wrong. They are sure they study as hard, but somehow they don't accomplish as much as the rest. It is here that we must report failure.

We believe the remedy is not difficult. There must be active co-operation between parents and teacher. Parents should not rely wholly on the teacher. Visit the schools often; see that your child is there punctually every day. Support the teacher, even if at times you do not fully agree with her methods. Remember it is the "home influence" that counts in the long run, and this influence should always be in the right direction.

DANIEL G. ABBOTT
EDWARD S. RAYNES,
J. MILTON ROBINSON.
} School Committee.

NORTH READING, February 20, 1889.

Graduates of High School.

MARY J. FOLEY.
ROSE S. BENT.
WINEFRED S. MUNROE.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Enrolled.	Average number belonging.	Average attendance.	Percentage average attendance.	No. between 8 and 14 years of age.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.
High.	Frank E. Sanborn.	21	15	14.7	98	4	0	10
Centre.	Helen M. Buck.							
Centre.	Virginia F. Peabody.	39	33.85	29.85	88	26	0	0
Franklin.	Dora S. Hammond.	36	29	25	86	36	0	0
West.	Clara H. Munroe.	19	16.2	14.5	90	8	0	1
North.	Emma Batchelder.							
North.	Helen M. Abbott.	17	15	12.89	82	10	0	0
East.	Annie Woodworth.							
East.	Mary S. Cutler.	26	24x	22x	91x	23	1	1

Report of Trustees of Flint Library.

The Trustees of the Flint Library would herewith present their seventeenth annual report. We are gratified in looking back to note the growth of the library. It has increased from four hundred volumes to two thousand nine hundred and fifty seven. We are also pleased that the interest which greeted the library at the beginning has been maintained to the present time. The circulation this year is somewhat less than it usually is, but an unusual number of stormy library days may account for it.

There has been no year in which books have not been presented to the Library. This year fifty-six books, and twenty-one pamphlets have been given, for which the donors have our thanks. Fourteen books have been put in place of those which have become worn. We have purchased one hundred and forty-six books, and have had twenty-one rebound. In conclusion we ask you to extend to the library your usual care and interest, and hope you will make for it the usual appropriation.

George K. Parkry,
George B. Parker,
John B. Campbell,
George L. Flint,
Joseph D. Gowing,
Dennis Batchelder, } Trustees.

Flint Library, February 25, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 25, 1888.....	$ 71 15	
Interest on Flint Memorial Fund.....	165 00	
Received from Dog Fund.....	63 00	
		$299 15

PAYMENTS.

W. B. Clark & Co., for Books.....	$140 66	
W. B. Clark & Co., for binding books...	8 60	
Houghton Mifflin & Co., for books.....	5 50	
W. H. Trombly, Printing.....	6 50	
Librarian	52 00	
Care of Library Room.....	8 00	
Wood	5 50	
Expressage.....	3 25	
Lining for Stove.....	85	
		$230 86
Balance.....		$68 29

George B. Parker

Treasurer of Flint Library.

Flint Library February 25, 1889.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of Volumes in Library		2957
Delivered within the year		7367
Purchased		146
Rebound		21
Replaced		14
Added by donation		56
Pamphlets		21
American Unitarian Association of Bostion		44
Dr. W. P. Davis		2
Mrs. Henry Putnam		19
State of Massachusetts		10
Mrs. Chas. F. Flint		1
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co		1
Catalogues Sold	$ 5 60	
Fines Collected	8 30	
Miscellaneous Expenses	9 03	

SARAH H. WHITCOMB,

Librarian.

Flint Library, February 25, 1889.

Town Meeting.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of North Reading in the County of Middlesex. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of North Reading qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said tewnon MONDAY the FOURTH day of MARCH next at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz :—

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To hear reports of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and act thereon.

Art. 4. To hear report of Treasurer and Collector and act thereon.

Art. 5. To hear report of School Committee and act thereon.

Art. 6. To hear report of Trustees of Flint Library, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To hear report of Trustees of Cemeteries, and act thereon.

Art. 8. Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town? "Yes" or "No."

Art. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for ordinary expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Schools and Incidentals for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Highways, and the manner in which it shall be expended.

Art. 12. To see how much much money the town will raise and appropriate for the Town Debt.

Art. 13. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries, and the manner in which it shall be expended.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the money received from the Dog Fund.

Art. 15. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of Taxes for tbe ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to meet the demands of the town, under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 17. To see if the town will build a stone bridge and straighten the road near the bridge on the South side of Otis P. Symonds' mills, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for building a stone bridge and straightening the road.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote permission to its inhabitants to fish in the stocked ponds in this town during each Winter season, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will discontinue the ringing of the bell, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will accept the List of Jurors as prepaied by the Selectmen.

Art. 22. To hear report of Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act thereon.

Art. 23. To hear reports of Committees, and act thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this Twenty-third day of February, in the year Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

A True Copy Attest.

SAMUEL P. BREED,
JOSEPH D. GOWING,
TIMOTHY FOWLE.
} Selectmen of North Reading.